GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DESTRUCTION OF CONNECTING CORRIDORS IN FOREST AREA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of our forest protected areas are being islanded by destroying their connecting corridors to other forested areas;

(b) if so, the details of such corridors, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard particularly in establishing vital corridors for large mammals, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) Destruction of connecting corridors can lead to the fragmentation of Protected Areas. However, information on the destruction of such corridors is not collated at Government of India level.

(c) Based on the proposals received in the form of Annual Plan of Operations, Government of India provides financial and technical assistance to the State/UT Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme − Project Elephant and Project Tiger for various activities aimed at the conservation of wildlife including the establishment of vital corridors.Such proposals are processed by the Central Government subject to the availability of funds and fulfillment of necessary legal and procedural requirements.